

Application Serial No. 09/513,554
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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2004. The Examiner rejected pending claims 1, 2 and 4-13, and dependent claim 3 was previously canceled. Independent claims 1, 9 and 12 are further amended herein. Claims 1-2 and 4-13 are therefore pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1, 2 and 4-13 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 6,115,754 (Landgren) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,473,609 (Schwartz).

Lauer and Schwartz are not particularly relevant at all to the invention as claimed herein. The amended claims as now presented clearly describe and point out the features of the claimed invention, which are neither disclosed or suggested in Landgren and/or Schwartz.

As recited in independent claim 1, a system is provided for retrieving web-based content from a plurality of Internet sites. The system includes an engine module that automatically fetches web-based content from a plurality of sites on the Internet according to customized user-defined configuration information selected by an end-user for each particular site. All of the selected web-based content from each Internet site, following conversion from the first language into a second language, is then signaled from each Internet site to an end device operating in accordance with the specified user-defined configuration information. "For example, an engine 50 may include a plurality of 'smart' fetch and notification modules to access different messaging services, including Internet messaging service with a specific fetch and notification module. Each fetch and notification module is programmed to access necessary preliminary web-pages for that specific messaging service." [Specification, p. 9, lns.5-11.] Moreover, the "types of user-defined configurations

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information that may be entered and stored on engine 50 include preferences, raw user-data, and directives. The user may set preferences on how often certain sites should be accessed, or how often the user should be notified of a web-event. The user may provide raw data regarding the user, such as billing information for e-commerce applications, and login/password information for messaging services." [Id. At p. 11, lns. 11-17.] This is more like a "personal programmable cyber robot" type of application, where the end-user is empowered via this invention to instruct a powerful Internet agent to fetch and process a wide range of data and instructions based on each end-user's personal profile and configuration. This type of user-defined configurations information and instruction, which dictates how and what kinds of web-based content is gathered from multiple Internet sites and how they are custom-processed as recited in independent claims 1, 9 and 12, is neither disclosed or suggested in the cited references of record.

Meanwhile, Landgren is focused primarily on location information for mobile units (see Abstract), and also none of the functionality or recited claim elements herein are found in this reference or in Schwartz. The ability of the current invention to automatically fetch and process web-based information from various websites in accordance with user-defined configuration information and instructions, among other claimed features herein, truly sets it apart from the references relied upon by the Examiner in the Office Action.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claims 1, 9 and 12 be withdrawn. Because the dependent claims related thereto include further limitations in addition to those recited in their corresponding independent claim, Applicant believes that all depending claims are also allowable over the cited references of record. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 24286-702).

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